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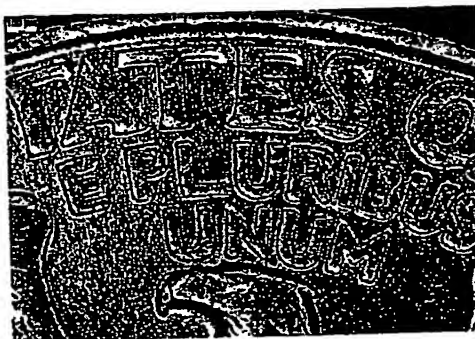
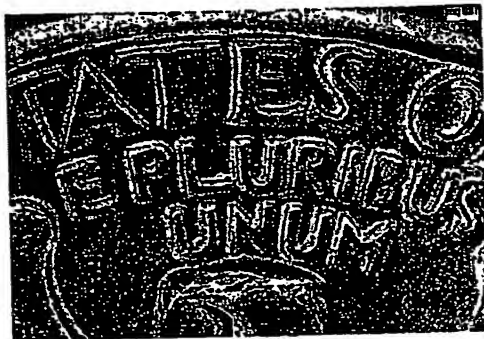
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(54) Title: METHOD OF EMBOSSING CURED SILICONE RESIN SUBSTRATES



(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a method of embossing a cured silicone resin thermoset substrate to imprint patterns onto the substrate from a master mold comprising (i) stacking a master mold with a cured silicone resin thermoset substrate such that the surface of the master mold containing a feature is facing the silicone resin substrate; (ii) applying pressure to the product of (i) in a press at a temperature slightly higher than the T<sub>g</sub> of the silicone resin but lower than the softening point of the master mold; (iii) cooling the product of (ii) and maintaining the pressure on the mold; and (iv) releasing the substrate whereby the feature is imprinted on the silicone resin substrate. Cured silicone resin thermoset substrates offer advantages over the organic thermoplastics in terms of hot embossing lithography by offering a very smooth surface which promotes high fidelity of replication in the micrometer and nanometer domain, and requiring no release agent for demolding.